

OLIVER CUMMINGS FARRINGTON*
1864-1933

Born and pre-professionally educated in Maine, later studying at Yale under Dana and Penfield, where in 1891 he earned the Ph. D. degree, Oliver C. Farrington came west in 1894 after the Columbian Exposition to the position of Curator of Geology in the new Field Museum, which office he held to his death. He was both a charter and a life member in the Academy.

Farrington's bibliography includes more than 100 titles, many in mineralogy and geology largely in connection with Field Museum activities, a well-known semi-popular book on Gems (1903), and meteorite studies. These last are what secure his fame in science, not only for the two books which appeared in 1915, the semi-popular *Meteorites* and the large quarto memoir *Catalogue of the Meteorites of North America*, but also for the numerous original papers, among which are the description of the largest known stony meteorite, now in the Field Museum collection, and contributions on the composition, classification, and origin of these interesting members of the cometary family.

The excellence of the present geological collections at the Field Museum is in no small part due to the vision and ability of Farrington, who was also instrumental in securing the outstanding meteorite collection, the leading one as regards number of falls represented.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Bradley Farrington. Although diffident and retiring, his kindness, tolerance, and humility made him loved of all those who came to know him. It was a great loss, both personal and scientific, that the heart trouble to which he finally succumbed was such a burden on him during his later years.

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